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From the Editor:

Subscription Rates, Etc.

Lots of good stuff in this issue mostly thanks to the efforts of contributing regional editors "Skip" Stewart-Abernathy, Paul Farnsworth, and Barbara Heath. Barbara's essay on consumerism is drawn from her 1997 SHA paper, and I thank her for publishing it here first.

I want to take this opportunity to raise a couple of issues pertaining to African-American Archaeology subscription policies, especially subscription rates. Currently, subscriptions are only \$5.00/year. This has been the rate since Tom Wheaton first took on the newsletter in 1993. However, this fee is not adequate to cover the cost of overseas subscriptions (which must be put in envelopes and for which postage is considerably higher than for domestic addresses) nor does it cover the costs of servicing institutional subscriptions which often require the preparation of invoices, or other annoying paperwork.

Further, the newsletter has observed an informal policy of providing subscriptions to Third World scholars on a complementary basis. We currently have 17 such subscribers out of a total subscriber base of 124. I would like to continue this policy. Finally, I have been asked if a special rate could be implemented to encourage students' subscriptions. Accordingly, a new subscription fee schedule is needed to address these issues. Beginning in January, 1998, subscription rates will be as follows:

Student subscriptions from U. S. addresses: \$4.00

Individual subscriptions from U. S. addresses: \$6.00

Institutional subscriptions from U. S. addresses: \$8.00

Individual and institutional subscriptions from Canadian and Non-Third World Overseas addresses: \$8.00 (payable by check in any currency at current exchange rates)

Reminder -- your address label indicates the last year for which your subscription is paid. Please check it and consider renewing your subscription before the new rates go into effect!

I hope that you like the new "look" of African-American Archaeology. I will be trying to add new features as time goes on. This issue introduces a compilation of Internet Resources.

Your suggestions for improving the newsletter are always welcome, and submissions for inclusion in the newsletter are especially welcome. The frequency and content of the newsletter are largely up to you, the readers, so send me some stuff! Submissions on disk (Word, Rich Text Format, or Textfiles) or via e-mail are encouraged.

Very Sincerely,

John P. McCarthy, Editor/Publisher